

Fire Protection Alliance
June 9, 2005 Minutes

Meeting at Granite Quarry Station 57, was opened by Bob Parnell.

Attending:

Rusty Alexander-Locke	Bobby Burleyson- South Salisbury
Charlie Beeker-Granite Quarry	Art Delaney-FMO
Bob Jarvis- Granite Quarry	John Thomason-Franklin
Terry Smith- Spencer	Jay Baker-Spencer
David Morris-Salisbury	Scott Gardner- Faith
Rowan Communications-No representative	Currie Butler- Salisbury

Last month's (May 2005) minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Chief Parnell distributed approved Fire Protection Alliance Resolutions, 1-8.

Battalion Chief Morris proposed participating in the IAFC's National "Stand Down" for firefighter safety. Battalion Chief Morris has scheduled the monthly Alliance training to cover firefighter health and safety related topics. The training will take place on June 27th, 28th, & 29th. Monday's training will take place in the Murdock auditorium at Station 87 on Old Concord Rd., and is open to all the county departments. Additional "Stand Down" training will take place on the 28th & the 29th at Station 51, and possibly a meal will be provided on Tuesday evening.

Chief Gardner gave an update on the upcoming Faith Fourth of July festivities. An SOP is in place for all participating agencies, and a Unified Command post will be located in the park, and any Alliance member that would like to volunteer their assistance, is welcomed.

Battalion Chief Butler on behalf of Battalion Chief Geter thanked all of the departments that assisted with the BMRS incident. Some further discussion occurred about this incident and Chief Parnell stated that a critique of the incident will be held in the next few weeks.

Battalion Chief Butler also questioned the policies of the volunteer departments regarding facial hair. After discussion, it was decided on that mutual aid departments send 3-4 firefighters within compliance and that firefighters with facial hair will not receive any interior firefighting assignments. An exception of a firefighter that can have facial hair is the apparatus driver/operator. Further discussion and agreement by the Chief's, and the members present that facial hair (beards and goatees) void an individuals 1403 certification.

Chief Thomason suggested straightening out the terminology. Some discussion followed. Training will be provided soon when a policy is in place and the Touch n Tracks are in service.

Splitting up of fire companies was brought up by Chief Alexander. It was decided that companies will attempt to refrain from splitting up during emergency operations.

The Rapid Intervention Team policy was submitted by Chief Alexander. Chief Parnell suggested using the NIMS term of Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC). With that change being made, the policy was approved and adopted by the alliance members.

Open Forum:

South Salisbury- Touch n Track is in.

Granite Quarry- (1) New command unit is in service. (2) Equipment purchased with grant monies are in. (3) Touch n Track approved.

Spencer- (1) May Alliance training on aerials at the Transportation Museum went well (2) Touch n Track is in.

Locke- Third full-time staff member will begin in July.

Faith- Touch n Track will be purchased in July. Scott SCBA's will be in soon.

Salisbury- Training- Tele-conference sent back off.

Franklin- Touch n Track ordered. Committee still working on compiling resource information.

FMO- Touch n Track denied. An accountability card will be provided.

The next meeting is set for July 14th at Faith Station 54 at 3:00 pm. Key topics will be to review "Stand down", and the unified command operation at Faith.